

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23721

This is a fiscal year 2015 supplemental appropriation to the Department of Health and Welfare to determine eligibility for the health insurance subsidy on behalf of the Your Health Idaho, State-Based Exchange. Idaho's ability to operate a state-based exchange is dependent upon a fully functional eligibility determination system. Therefore, additional programming to the department's benefit eligibility system is needed to account for all criteria needed in determining both Medicaid eligibility and for the Advanced Payment Tax Credit (APTC). Programming changes will be used for application processing, case management, required federal and state verifications, eligibility support, an online application portal, an eligibility system of record, complaint resolution for eligibility decisions, information transfers to the marketplace, eligibility renewals, eligibility data migration from the federal marketplace, and eligibility-related customer service by phone. The department completes the eligibility test for the APTC (used as a subsidy in the insurance marketplace) for qualifying individuals with income between 100% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level, and sends that information to the marketplace where consumers shop for an insurance plan. Idaho began determining eligibility for the APTC on November 15, 2014. The supplemental for dedicated receipt authority ensures all costs incurred by the Department of Health and Welfare to develop and implement services which support Idaho's State-Based Exchange can be reimbursed and nothing from the General Fund is used to support the operation and development of Your Health Idaho.

The bill reduces the Indirect Support Services Program federal fund appropriation by \$3,605,700 and increases the dedicated receipt funds appropriation by \$3,605,700. This change in appropriation is the result of the program receiving funding directly from Your Health Idaho, not the federal government. Funding will be used for the information technology hardware, design, and software infrastructure to allow the department's various IT systems to process information and communicate effectively and efficiently with Your Health Idaho.

The bill increases the appropriation for the Self-Reliance Operations Program for dedicated receipt funds by \$8,124,500 to support the rules engine, eligibility determinations, data verification, and 24/7 processing of information. Funding is provided directly from Your Health Idaho. The number of full-time equivalent positions (FTP) for the Self-Reliance Operations Program is also increased by 15 to account for the additional workload associated with determining APTC eligibility for Your Health Idaho. The 15 FTP were transferred from the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center (SWITC) as a result of a declining census and reduced need for staff at SWITC. The transfer of FTP results in a net-zero change for the department.

FISCAL NOTE

The bill changes the ongoing appropriation for the Indirect Support Services Program in the Department of Health of Welfare by reducing federal funds by \$375,200 and increasing the dedicated receipt funds by \$375,200. The bill changes the ongoing appropriation, on a one-time basis, for Indirect Support Services by reducing the federal funds by \$3,230,500 and increases the dedicated receipt fund by \$3,230,500. The bill increases the ongoing appropriation for the Self-Reliance Operations Program in the Department of Health and Welfare by \$2,125,000 and increases the one-time appropriation by \$5,999,500. The bill also transfers 15 full-time equivalent

positions from the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center to Self-Reliance Operations. The total change in appropriation for the Department of Health and Welfare is an increase of \$11,730,200 in dedicated receipt funds and a reduction of \$3,605,700 in federal funds for fiscal year 2015.



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